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### COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

#### MAY WE MEET OFTEN.

Newspaper work is a most interesting and instructive profession. In no other work is there so much opportunity to see the human side of people and to study the characteristics of the individual. After three and one-half years of active newspaper work in St. Helens I am fully convinced that the profession is a noble one. During that time I have labored hard and earnestly to give to every class of readers the news of the community and to take a stand on all public questions for what I determined to be for the best interests of the many. In some of those policies I may have been mistaken, and yet I leave the field with no feeling of regrets, with the possible exception of that of retiring from the business. To any whom I may have offended through The Mist I am ready and anxious to say that it was not with any personal feeling, and that I shall hope to have your continued friendship.

For the past year or more it has been apparent to me that it would be necessary for me to sever my connection with The Mist on account of the growing business both at The Mist office and in my law work so having found a worthy successor to take charge of The Mist, I have retired. I am taking up the law business in St. Helens, and will hereafter devote my entire time to my work in that line.

It may not be amiss at this time to do a little advertising for myself and to say to my friends that I have opened an office in the Harris building at St. Helens, where I shall be pleased to see you at any time and to assure you that business entrusted to me will be taken care of promptly.

I bespeak for Mr. Davis the continued success of The Mist and hope that he may have the support of the people of the community in every way.

The Mist has a mission to perform in the community. It has had a mission before now. What it has done I leave to you. What it will do is beyond question. It will be found working every hour for the upbuilding of St. Helens and Columbia County. In that work it is entitled to your unqualified support.

In conclusion I want to again thank the public for the treatment I have received while editor of The Mist, and hope to see The Mist continue to improve. M. E. MILLER.

#### HOW DO YOU DO?

With this issue of this paper the undersigned becomes responsible for what appears in its news and editorial columns, having purchased the interest of Mr. M. E. Miller, and succeeded him in an editorial capacity. Newspaper work in this county is not new to us. We feel that we know each one of our many readers personally, although there have been many changes in the last thirteen years, when we surrendered the editorial toga to others. We feel entirely at home in the work we have undertaken again, although it is with some degree of reluctance, realizing, as we do, the duties and responsibilities of such a position. There is no more confining or exacting work to be found. There are so many matters to be dealt with in a public way that the editor of a newspaper, no matter how humble it is, finds it his duty to speak at all times in an emphatic way, which may not please all his readers. One in an editorial capacity must do his duty as he sees it, without regard to whom it pleases or offends. A newspaper occupying the position in a community such as The Mist occupies in Columbia County is looked upon as the defender of all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community. This is one of the most important counties in Oregon; rich in the Creator's endowments, and situated to occupy an important place in the commerce and trade of the state. To editorially exploit these resources and endowments and defend their natural rights, the newspaper men of the county have an important mission to fulfill. We want to make of this paper one that will command the respect of all our readers, whether you agree with all its editorial expressions or not. We can't all believe alike, but we can treat the opinions of others with respect. We want the co-operation of our readers in the work we have before

us. We want your moral support. We want your financial support. We want to do our full duty, and with a keen appreciation of what this means, we disappear at the door of our sanctum and cheerfully take up the work before us. Come in and get acquainted. We will treat you courteously. Our old-time friends will certainly come, and the newer ones are earnestly requested to come. DAVID DAVIS.

#### THINK AND THANK.

(Collier's Weekly.)

Success comes to every one in the same way. Exceptions are so rare that they are negligible. The envious, the growlers, the disturbers, who are perpetually denouncing the prosperous and clamoring to break business because it is too big have not a foot to stand upon. They overlook the fundamentals of success. You can't stifle a man's initiative. You can't put all men on the same level. Men are not born that way. It is not the design of the Creator. Diversity is the rule in all forms of life from the lowest to the highest. If everything were the same, it would be an unlivable world, with no premium, aspiration or hope. The theory may be beautiful but it is not practical. It would prove an utter failure.

There is scarcely a captain of industry who did not start in the ranks of poverty, who did not earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, and who did not achieve success by diligence, industry and integrity. In no other way can one establish his credit, and without credit no man ever became a captain of industry. Without a good reputation the humblest business man must meet failure. One of the worst calamities that has befallen this country is the persistent preaching of a doctrine to the contrary. The business man who would seek to crush a rival by foul means, by undermining his business and crowding him out of the avenues of trade, would be put in the class with one who dealt with false weights and measures. He would deserve and receive the contempt of the community. His shirt would be short.

Does anyone think that the road to prosperity lies along a highway of iniquity? How many business men ever prosper by wrongdoing? How many achieve success without a reputation for fairness and honesty? College professors filled with visionary theories vie with cheap and mouthy agitators in teaching the young that success in business has come chiefly from crooked work. And so, young men, who should be fighting the battle of life, as their fathers did, by faithful service and unremitting toil, are vainly seeking a primrose path to preferment, and failing to find it, are marching with the mob that flouts the impious banner, "No God, no Master."

In this faithful year of God's bounty to the American people let us exalt wisdom, preach patriotism, and honor the flag.

#### WHAT FIGHT TO FINISH MEANS.

It is estimated that at the present moment 20,000,000 men are under arms, and those who, in their wicked dream, wish for a fight to a finish, to the final exhaustion, to a collective suicide, are talking of levies en masse which would bring up the effective armies to 40,000,000 combatants, destined to become 40,000,000 corpses or invalids. It must finish some day, unless in their turn the mothers and daughters are armed, and already in London women have shouldered the rifle and are being trained for the impious work of death, they who are, by destiny and duty, the creators of life. An end must be put to the young, the growing and the adult in all the force of their experience and development. An end must be put to civilization, progress, inventions and beauty. An end must be put to the scholars, the thinkers, the most brilliant artists, the highest intelligence. An end must be put to the age-long devotion of men in loving and trusting. An end must be put to shining prospects and splendid hopes. Under the impulsive stars and the triumphant sun, an end must be put to the human race. This is the real meaning of the fantastic cry which is hypnotizing the world. Let humanity rise and shout, in an access of noble passion and clear vision, "Enough! Enough!"

The Mist wants to print all the news there is to be had throughout the county, and therefore wants help in the work, and lots of it. We are going to present to our readers each week all the news there is to be had at the county seat, and all we can get hold of from other localities, but it is impossible for a newspaper man to learn of all that is transpiring. We want you to make it a point to write to us, telling of any news affairs in your locality, call us by phone or get in touch with us by whatever means may seem most expedient to you. Columbia County is

much larger than the corporate limits of the county seat, and we want to extend the usefulness and power of this paper all over the county. We will endeavor to have the paper printed at a time early enough in the week that it will reach the most remote parts of the county by Saturday's mail. Your help in these respects will be truly appreciated.

The Portland Telegram was delivered to its many readers in this city Monday evening in a brand new dress, and altogether changed appearances, typographically and otherwise. In fact, it's an entire new Telegram. Its size has been made larger, the body type is larger, and its influence certainly must be larger. All these changes came about as a result of having become domiciled in its new home at Washington and Park streets. The only thing about the new Telegram that isn't larger is its head, a most commendable feature. In fact, the Telegram was never troubled with the big head, although it has nearly always been found on the right side of big and important questions. Its influence has been pronounced, as has been its policy on all consequential matters, and its sphere of usefulness must certainly be broadened. Here's our hand, Miss Telegram, may your size and power ever grow less.

The forthcoming meeting of the vice-presidents of the Columbia County Fair Association to be held in this city next Saturday is a very encouraging indication, coming so early in the year, that the fair management proposes to make the event this year better than any before. The function of a county fair is to exploit the products of the county, not only agriculture and horticulture, but to extend the scope to include every field of endeavor within the borders of the county. Interest is created in these matters to a great extent in the degree of interest manifested by the management. In this respect the local fair is fortunate indeed. In all respects this year's fair promises to excel all previous efforts. It is an institution to be commended and encouraged.

#### HUMOROUS COMMENT.

When bread is so high it is a sin to waste it in bread pudding.

There is no reason why any nation should drag us into war; that's just the danger of it.

In some respects, perhaps the vodka edict makes the Russian bear walk more like a man.

Those filibustering speeches prove that sometimes a senator has to earn his salary at hard labor.

Groundhog has now been out for four weeks and is practicing for a duel with the first robin.

There was a new moon recently which means to steal two days from March in which to get full.

We might welcome the autobus, but still we wonder if it makes as much noise as the autotruck.

If the wheaten loaf must be expanded the alrholes in it must be filled with mashed potatoes.

Salvation is free, but somebody must put up the money for the tabernacle, the lights and the music.

War puts hair back again on the faces of the men; that's not a return to barbarism—be careful of that "a."

Cotton is certain 'o sell well; we empty the clothes press more slowly than we do the flour barrel, that's all.

Tipperary hat for men has a brim hardly an inch wide; and it may be unnecessary to state that its color is green.

Distinctly not neutral is the New York Herald. Its owner resides in Paris and that's the way he feels about it.

Anybody can run for alderman this spring and there are signs of organization to prevent everybody from doing it.

There is no prohibition in Mexico. Which is the only reason some Arizonans are reconciled to Mexico being there at all.

"How to Become Popular," is the title of an interesting article, though it needs a sequel: "How to escape the Consequences."

Next Mexican peace conference is to be held at San Antonio, Tex. Will there be a procession of ex-presidents, four abreast?

This from the sunny South via the Houston Post: "It is fine for countries and cities to try and win a place in the sun, and it would be very gratifying if the sun were to try and

win a place in Houston." But maybe it's good for the strawberries.

One would rather look at the new diagram of his back-yard than at the war maps.

Such a thing as a neutral flag might be designated, which would spare all the neutral countries from seeing their appropriated.

They are raising grapefruit of a smaller size, and before long a whole one will be forced on you before breakfast instead of a half.

This winter's greatest blizzard is naming this month according to a Hoboken astrologist; but it may be only a Hoboken blizzard.

"A large proportion of our passengers prefer to stand," says the general manager of a nearby trolley system. Rather than be left on the station platform, no doubt.

With all our criticism of the hyphenated. Isn't it reasonable to believe that Americans colonized in foreign countries would also be addicted to hyphenation?

#### TWENTY YEARS AGO

The Mist, March 4, 1895.

E. M. Wharton received a telegram from Morrill, Kansas, on the 4th announcing that his father was found dead that day.

The annual school meeting at Deer Island was held Monday, A. A. Merrill was elected director instead of E. M. Wharton, whose term had expired. C. H. English was elected clerk. The board now consists of J. L. Olsen, chairman; Edwin Merrill and A. A. Merrill, directors; C. H. English, clerk.

I. W. Detrick, of the Pittsburg MIM Company, Pittsburg, was in the city Wednesday, on his return from the lower Nehalem, where he had taken a raft of lumber. Mr. Detrick has been awarded a contract to build a bridge 250 feet long across North-up creek, in Clatsop county.

The annual school meeting for District No. 2, (St. Helens) was held at the court house Monday night. A. H. Blakesley, chairman of the board of directors, presided, and after stating the object for which the meeting was called, Jacob George was duly elected director for three years to succeed Mr. Blakesley, whose term expired, and E. E. Quick was elected clerk for one year. C. H. Newell, the retiring clerk, submitted his report, which was given to a committee for examination. The committee, after auditing the accounts, reported them correct. The report showed a balance on hand of \$23.98.

The recent session of the legislature passed a bill fixing the salaries of county treasurers, and it provides that the treasurer of Columbia county shall receive a salary of \$500 per year instead of \$350, as heretofore. Whether the new law goes into effect upon being signed by the governor we do not know. But the compensation seems to us to be no more than is just and right.

It seems to us that the correct thing for the St. Helens and Houlton school would greatly increase the income and erect a good, substantial school building somewhere between the two places, where it would be convenient for the two cities. It is lamentable that the school interests in this vicinity are in such a state as at present, and we believe the consolidation of the two districts, with a building suitable for a graded school would greatly increase the interest and be of material benefit to both districts. There is but little doubt but that some proposition of this kind could be accomplished if the patrons of the two districts would undertake it.

About 9 o'clock Sunday night as Assessor Martin White was on his way from his home near Quincy, to Mayger, to take the night boat for St. Helens, two footpads commanded him to throw up his hands, the highwaymen having taken up their positions at either side of the road. Mr. White replied that it was not necessary for him to comply with their request as he had nothing they wanted. They then wanted to know who he was, and when informed that it was not any of their business, the footpads said he was not the man they were looking for, and that they were only joking. Both men were strangers to Mr. White, and it is believed that they were laying in wait for someone to return who had gone over the road, but up to this time we have heard of no robberies being committed.

In polite society they whiten the hands by rubbing a little glycerine and lemon juice over them at night and drawing on a pair of old gloves. Personally, we use soap and water.

#### LITTLE SUPPORT GIVEN ROADS.

Legislature Enacts but One Road Law of Any Material Worth.

Taken as a whole the recent Legislature was a disappointment to many people interested in highway development. No constructive road legislation was enacted. The only approach to it was the passage of the Hollis-Vinton bill which authorized two or more counties to organize a road district and build public highways in the district. The specific object of the bill is to permit the counties of Yamhill, Tillamook and Polk to unite in the construction of a road to the coast. It is optional with the counties whether the work shall be done under the supervision of the state highway commission or by themselves.

Responding to the recommendation of Governor Withycombe that the state road levy be increased from one-quarter to one-half a mill several bills were introduced, but they all failed of passage. As a result it is probable that no new work will be undertaken. The \$250,000 that the existing levy will bring in will doubtless be appropriated to those counties that have already shown a disposition to do something such as Jackson, Columbia and Hood River. A bill was passed granting Jackson county 20 per cent of the fund for the purpose of completing the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains.

#### FASHION NOTE.

Surprise, disbelief and shocked modesty greeted the latest creation in women's apparel at a fashionable ball in Portland recently, and traffic stopped and Chestnut street (Philadelphia) gasped last Saturday when the pantalolet skirt made its appearance. Modistes and department store officials expressed surprise at the commotion, and frankly stated that "it's the new order of things, and that there will be hundreds of such specimens of apparel in evidence before Easter." Say, fellows, don't it look as though we are soon to have no quarter? Hadn't we better organize in order to protect our inherent rights? Encroachments are becoming altogether too frequent. Surely, some drastic means must be resorted to in order to combat the exploits of Elaine.

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